

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 6-9 are presently pending in this application, Claims 1-5 and 10-13 having been canceled, and Claim 6 having been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 6-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Letemps et al. (U.S. Patent 4,957,528) in view of Applicants' description on page 4, line 21, through page 6, line 27. However, Claim 10 was indicated as including allowable subject matter.

First, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claim 10 includes allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Claim 6 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter recited in Claim 10, and Applicants respectfully request that Claim 10 and non-elected Claims 1-5 and 11-13 be canceled without prejudice.

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In light of the prior indication of allowable subject matter and in view of the amendments presented above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and thus the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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